

## CLAIMS AS AMENDED JULY 2005

### I CLAIM:

1. (Currently Amended) A boat cleaning ladder for use on a boat trailer rail having a boat trailer rail width and a boat trailer rail depth, the boat cleaning ladder comprising:

a hook dimensioned and configured to physically engage with a such boat trailer rail ~~rail~~  
~~of a boat trailer~~ when clipped thereto,

an A-frame step ladder having a first riser member and a second riser member both having a top and a foot,

the first riser member being attached at its foot to the hook,

the first and second riser members having a mutual connection to each other at their tops,

a first step attached to the second riser member at approximately the foot of the second riser and a second step attached to the second riser member at approximately the top of the second riser member.

2. (Original) The boat cleaning ladder of claim 1, further comprising at least one additional step attached to at least one riser at a point medial the foot and top of the riser.

3. (Original) The boat cleaning ladder of claim 1, wherein the connection further comprises a hinge member allowing the two riser members to assume first and second positions relative to each other, wherein in the first position the two risers subtend an angle to each other, and in the second position the two risers are substantially parallel.

4. (Original) The boat cleaning ladder of claim 1, wherein the connection comprises a third step disposed at the top end of both ladders.

5. (Original) The boat cleaning ladder of claim 3, further comprising a lock to maintain the risers in the first position.

6. (Currently Amended) The boat cleaning ladder of claim 5, wherein the lock further comprises a first hole through the first riser and a second hole through the second riser, and a locking pin disposed through the first and second holes.

7. (Currently Amended) The boat cleaning ladder of claim 4, wherein the lock further comprises a lock located at ~~first hole through~~ the first riser and at ~~a second hole through the~~ connection, and a locking pin disposed through the first and second holes.

8. (Original) The boat cleaning ladder of claim 3, further comprising:  
a base member having a first end having a first attachment to the hook and having a second end having a second attachment to the foot of the second riser.

9. (Original) The boat cleaning ladder of claim 8, further comprising a lock to maintain the risers in the first position.

10. (Original) The boat cleaning ladder of claim 9, wherein the lock further comprises a first hole through the base member and a second hole through the second riser, and a locking pin

disposed through the first and second holes.

11. (Currently Amended) The boat cleaning ladder of claim 10, wherein the first attachment further comprises a second hinge member allowing the ~~two~~ base member to assume a use position third and a folded position ~~fourth positions~~ relative to the second riser, wherein in the ~~third~~ use position the second riser and base subtend an angle to each other, and in the folded ~~second~~ position the second riser and base are substantially parallel.

12. (Original) The boat cleaning ladder of claim 11, wherein at least one member selected from the group consisting of: the first riser, the second riser, the base, the steps and combinations thereof further comprises a beam cross section.

13. (Original) The boat cleaning ladder of claim 12, wherein the beam cross section further comprises one member selected from the group consisting of C-beams, I-beams, L-beams, V-beams, box beams, H-beams and combinations thereof.

14. (Currently Amended) The boat cleaning ladder of claim 8, ~~wherein at least one member selected from the group consisting of: the first riser, the second riser, the base, the steps and combinations thereof further comprises:~~ further comprising at least one hole through the ladder member, whereby the weight of the ladder is reduced.

15. (Original) The boat cleaning ladder of claim 8, wherein the base projects approximately horizontally from the hook, whereby the step at the foot of the second riser is substantially at the

level of the hook trailer rail,

~~and further wherein the length of the risers is a first length such that when the hook is clipped to the trailer rail, a user of ordinary size may stand thereon and conveniently reach the top surfaces of a typical boat disposed upon the trailer.~~

16. (New) The boat cleaning ladder of claim 1, wherein the hook further comprises:
- a hook extension having an interior length approximately equal to such boat trailer rail width;
  - a hook barb having a length at approximately as long as such boat trailer rail depth; and
  - a hook shaft having a length approximately as long as such boat trailer rail depth.